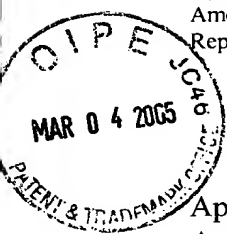


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Appl. No. : 09/610,284  
Applicant : Herbert Bächler et al.  
Filed : July 6, 2000  
Title : HEARING DEVICE WITH PERIPHERAL IDENTIFICATION  
UNITS (*as amended*)

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**AMENDMENT "F"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 2, 2004. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on February 2, 2005. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for one month, to and including March 2, 2005. The \$120.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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March 2, 2005

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